

Community Relations Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 6 – 7 p.m.

In-Person Goshen City Hall Conference Room - 202 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street



**MINUTES**

**CRC Members:**

1. Catherine Cripe, Chair
2. E-man Monge, Treasurer
3. Sharon Beechy, Secretary
4. Kyle Richardson
5. Ana Zamora
6. Casey Kasper-Welles
7. Lori Copsey
8. Sara Lozano, Youth Advisor
9. Megan Peel, Council Advisor

**City Staff**

1. Amanda Guzman, Communications Manager
2. Hannah Scott-Carter,  
Community Relations Manager
3. Gina Leichty, Mayor

**1. Call to Order and Welcome (Cathie Cripe, Chair)**

- a. **Present:** Cathie Cripe, E-Man Monge, Ana Zamora, Sara Lozano, Lori Copsey, Casey Kasper-Welles, Lori Copsey, Sharon Beechy, Megan Peel, Hannah Scott-Carter, Gina Leichty
- b. **Absent:** Kyle Richardson, Amanda Guzman

**2. Review the CRC Principles (Cathie Cripe, Chair)**

The CRC serves Goshen by developing programs and policies that aim for a city without racism or discrimination of any kind, and build capacity for creative problem-solving, resiliency, understanding, and compassion among the diverse people in our community

- a. Honor the dignity of each person and each person's rights
- b. Listen to the diverse voices of the community
- c. Cultivate constructive communication and engagement
- d. Value honesty, truthfulness, and integrity
- e. Promote a community that is safe for all
- f. Acknowledge and accept the challenge of change—that it may have both positive and negative consequences
- g. Promote the acceptance of differences
- h. Promote equality and freedom from discrimination

**3. Approve the Agenda (Cathie Cripe, Chair)**

No changes to the agenda, assumed by consent. Accepted by consent.

**4. Review and Approve Minutes (Sharon Beechy, Secretary)**

March 12, 2024

**5. Treasurer's Report (E-man Monge, Treasurer)**

Hannah reported on financials from the International Women's Day Luncheon

**6. Privilege of the Floor**

- a. No visitors

**7. Neighborhood Reports (Hannah Scott-Carter)**

- a. **Attended** - Hannah reported on recent neighborhood association meetings
  - i. April 8, 2024: Terrace Park Neighborhood Association
  - ii. April 16, 2024: East Goshen Neighborhood Association
  - iii. April ~~30~~-18, 2024: Historic Southside Neighborhood Association
  - iv. One correction to the agenda was made. The Historic Southside meeting Hannah attended was on April 18, 2024
- b. Upcoming
  - i. Tuesday, May 21: East Goshen Neighborhood Association (CRC Attendance?) – Sharon and Lori will attend
  - ii. Monday, June 24: West Goshen Neighborhood Association (CRC Attendance?) – Will discuss at June meeting

**8. Council Liaison Report (Megan Peel)**

- a. **Megan updated the commission on the recent City Council meeting**
  - i. Golf carts and off-road vehicles ordinance
  - ii. Ordinance to address chronic disorderly properties

**9. New Business:**

- a. Indigenous People's Day (Casey Kasper-Welles)
  - i. Casey presented ideas for this year's event
  - ii. Decided to change the name to "Indigenous People's Day Celebration" to create better clarity on the event for the public
  - iii. Discussion of vendors in the theater lobby and the potential for food vendors
  - iv. In an effort to make this both a local and global event, Casey suggested we look at ways to include Indigenous people with disabilities, and those from the LGBTQ, Black, and Hispanic communities.
- b. Northside Neighborhood Walk – Tentatively scheduled for July 9 (July CRC Meeting)
- c. CRC Essay Contest Update (Mayor Leichthy)
  - i. Mayor Leichthy has spoken with Darin Holsopple from GHS about our frustration with the lack of participation in the CRC essay contest. Darin will work with our commission and the GHS English department to find ways to encourage students to enter the contest next spring.
- d. Ana asked if the CRC could have a table/booth at the Hispanic Heritage Festival on September 14. The group agreed this would be a good way to create some links with the Latino Community and will continue to discuss.

**10.** The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11 at 6 p.m.

**11.** Motion to adjourn